

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-3 and 7-28 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 9, 11, 13, and 15 have been amended, and claims 17-28 are newly presented. Support for the amendments and for the new claims can be found in the original application, as filed.

Claims 1-3 and 7-16 were previously allowed. Applicant submits that the amendments to claims 9, 11, 13, and 15, are formal in nature and are not presented for reasons related to patentability. Those claims are submitted to still be allowable. Favorable consideration is requested.

Claims 17-28 are newly added to provide Applicant with additional scopes of coverage. Favorable consideration and allowance of the new claims are requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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